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UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

No new cases of smallpox in Key West.

KEY WEST, *August 18, 1896.*

Restrictions on travel removed yesterday. * * * No deaths from smallpox. Dismissed 4 convalescents. Will discharge all save 1 case of variola and some suspects this week.

WHITE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Reporting detention of immigrants at San Francisco Quarantine.

ANGEL ISLAND, CAL., *August 7, 1896.*

SIR: The last of the passengers from the steamship *China* have been released from quarantine to-day, and I have the honor to report more in detail the recent quarantine operations at this station. Six cases of smallpox occurred in the steerage passengers of the steamship *China* on her last eastward trip; 1 case was taken in quarantine at Yokohama; 4 cases of varioloid broke out in the steerage passengers disembarked at Honolulu, while detained there awaiting developments, and 1 case was brought along into this port. After the passengers were bathed and their clothing disinfected, the 44 Japanese were separated from the 228 Chinese and no communication was allowed between them. The four additional guards employed by the Service, aided by a detail of soldiers from the First Infantry, U. S. A., maintained an efficient cordon. Most of the detained passengers were revaccinated and all the usual precautions were taken. No more cases of smallpox occurred, but 3 Chinamen were taken sick with the mumps. Two of the cases were complicated with orchitis and high fever.

While the passengers from the steamship *China* were still in quarantine, the steamship *Belgic* arrived and 65 steerage passengers were sent to the station for disinfection. In anticipation of their arrival, the bath-house had been disinfected and the *Omaha* put in readiness for their entertainment. They were landed on the dock, given a bath, furnished with a clean suit of jeans, and immediately transferred to the *Omaha*. Their baggage and clothing, after disinfection, were also transferred to the *Omaha*, and at the completion of the process the *Sternberg* returned the passengers, with their baggage, to the city. It was arranged so that there was no communication in any way between the two sets of passengers—even the cooking was done by separate cooks at separate places. One of the *Belgic's* passengers had enlarged and tender glands in the axilla, fever, and coated tongue. Cultures of the blood in bouillon and on agar-agar remained sterile after four days in the thermostat. The bubonic swelling was a local trouble, the result of an infected vaccination, and after opening rapidly subsided.

Very respectfully,

M. J. ROSENAU,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, May 9, 1896, to August 20, 1896.**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Mobile County.....	June 5.....	1	.....
	July 5.....	1	.....
Florida:				
Key West.....	June 25-Aug. 3....	32	8	
Pensacola	May 20-July 4....	5	2	
	July 11-July 18....	1	.....
Indiana:				
Indianapolis.....	May 29.....	1	.....
Louisiana:				
New Orleans.....	May 9-July 18....	83	24	
	July 25-Aug. 8....	4	2	
Shreveport	May 16-May 30....	2	.....
	June 6-June 13....	6	.....
New York:				
New York.....	May 1-May 31....	1	1	
North Hempstead.....	.....do.....	1	.....
Ohio:				
Dayton.....	May 28-June 4....	1	1	
	June 18-June 25....	1	1	
	July 2-July 9....	.....	1	
Tennessee:				
Memphis.....	May 1-May 30....	10	.....
Shelby County (not including Memphis).	May 1-May 31....	8	2	
	June 1-June 30....	3	.....
	July 1-July 31....	5	2	
Tipton County.....	June 1-June 30....	14	2	
	July 1-July 31....	8	.....
Washington:				
Seattle.....	May 23.....	1	.....	Case occurred April 27; now convalescent.

* For table of smallpox in the United States, etc., December 26, 1895, to May 9, 1896, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS No. 23.